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Dear Sidney:

You may recall that in 1952 one of our research assistants sought your advice about an historical study he was then preparing on the origins of the central intelligence organization, including the beginnings of CIA in 1946, when you served as the first DCI. I understand that our historian had the benefit of a number of profitable conversations with you on that study, in which your reminiscences, insights, and suggestions about historical documents were of considerable value.

I have the completed study in my office, and would very much like to have you take a look at it one of these days at your convenience when you are back in Washington long enough to take time for a moment of reflective reading. Perhaps, in addition, you might be inspired to supplement the study with an informal historical memorandum by yourself, written as a "footnote," so to speak, from your perspective of more than a decade after those events in which you participated so intimately. I am sure that I and my staff would profit greatly from whatever further reflections you might have on the significance of those early developments.

Please let me know if you would find it feasible to make such an informal review. I hope you can.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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